

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Casmalia Community Services District,

Complainant,

vs.

Unocal Corporation, also known as Casmite  
Water System,

Defendant.

Case 03-09-001  
(Filed September 2, 2003)

In the Matter of the Application of The Casmite  
Corporation for a Certificate of Public  
Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Public  
Utility Water System Near Casmalia in the  
County of Santa Barbara and to Establish Rates  
for Service.

Application 03-12-024  
(Filed December 22, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
FOLLOWING STATUS CONFERENCE**

A telephonic status conference was held in this proceeding at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, July 19, 2004, pursuant to a notice distributed to all persons listed on the service list. Lori Anne Dolqueist appeared for the Casmite Corporation. Terri Stricklin appeared as an officer of the Casmalia Community Services District. Raminder Kahlon appeared for the Commission's Water Division.

The assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) reviewed the Second Status Report filed by Casmite, as well as the comments of Casmalia and the Water

Division. In particular, the ALJ and parties discussed the steps necessary to complete the mediated settlement and the need to reschedule the prehearing conference and evidentiary hearing, now set for August 9 and 10, 2004, to allow time for these steps. Casmalia is having difficulty retaining an attorney; Ms. Stricklin was advised to talk to the Water Division for suggestions.

Based on these discussions, the revised schedule for this proceeding is as follows:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date (all 2004)</b>
Casmite to file Rule 17.2 motion to determine applicability of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	July 30
Any response to Rule 17.2 motion	August 6
Casmite reply to any response to Rule 17.2 motion	August 10
Telephonic status conference and consideration of Rule 17.2 motion (Dolqueist to arrange call and notify parties as to call-in number)	10:00 a.m., August 11
Any report or prepared testimony in response to Water Division report (July 2, 2004)	August 31
Final prehearing conference and marking of exhibits (if necessary)	9:00 a.m., September 13
Evidentiary hearing (if necessary)	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., September 13 (and daily thereafter as necessary)

At the August 11, 2004, status conference, the ALJ will evaluate progress toward completion of the mediated settlement. In order continue the stay on litigation, Casmalia must have retained by that time an attorney to assist in completion of the settlement, and the parties must have agreed upon a schedule leading to closing and the completion of the settlement.

The prehearing conference scheduled for August 9 and the evidentiary hearing scheduled for August 10 and 11, 2004, are continued as set forth above.

**IT IS SO RULED.**

Dated July 21, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JOHN E. THORSON

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John E. Thorson  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day, and by electronic mail to the parties who have provided an electronic mail address, served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Following Status Conference on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated July 21, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TERESITA C. GALLARDO  
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